**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegation of Corruption against Sri N.Venkteswarlu, formerly Tahsildar, Banaganapalle Mandal, Kurnool District – Placed on his defence before Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings –Inquiry Report received – Disciplinary proceedings concluded – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 29** **Dated: 08-01-2020**

**Read the following:**

1. From the D.G., ACB, Lr.in Rc.No.26/RCT-KUR/2009-S6, Date:17.08.2009
2. Govt.Memo.No.5050/Vig.II (1)/2009-2, Revenue (Vig.II Dept, Dt:23.03.2010.
3. From the D.G., ACB, Lr.in Rc.No.26/RCT-KUR/2009-S6, Date:25.08.2015.
4. From the Chairman (FAC), Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings, A.P., Lr.in Dis.No.S/1/2019, Dt:19.09.2019.

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**ORDER:**

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri N.Venkateswarlu, while working as Tahsildar, Banganepalli (M) was trapped by the ACB authorities on 30.01.2009 for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs.30,000/- through Sri K.V.Raghava Reddy, V.R.O, Nandivargam Village from the complainant for doing official favour i.e., to issue no objection certificates in respect of land in Sy.No.672 to an extent of 23.61 acres for granting quarry lease.

**2.** The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau while submitting the final report to Government, has recommended to prosecute Sri N.Venkateswarlu, formerly Tahsildar, Banaganapalli Mandal and Sri K.V.Raghava Reddy, VRO, Nandivaram village in the Court of Law, besides initiating departmental action against Sri N.Venkateswarlu, former Tahsildar, vide the reference 1st read above.

**3.** Government after careful examination of the matter have entrusted the case of Sri N.Venkateswarlu, formerly Tahsildar, Banaganapalle Mandal to Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings duly placing the Accused Officer on his defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings for conducting regular enquiry and to submit the enquiry report to Government vide reference 2nd read above. And also directed the District Collector, Kurnool to issue prosecution sanction order against Sri K.V.Raghava Reddy. Accordingly the District collector has issued prosecution sanction order vide proceedings dated.08.02.2011.

**4.** Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has stated that with regard to the C.C.No.18/2013 filed to prosecute Sri K.V. Raghava Reddy, VRO, Nandivargam Village, Banaganapalli Mandal, Kurnool District in a court of law, the Special Judge for Anti Corruption Bureau cases, Kurnool, in its orders dated 28.08.2014 acquitted him and the Government after careful examination of the matter, have ordered to dropped further action against Sri K.V.Raghava Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Nandivargam Village, Banaganapalli Mandal, Kurnool District, and also regularized the suspension period as ON DUTY as per FR 54(B) (4)/54 A(3), vide the G.O.Rt.No.1002, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dt:14.10.2015.

**5.** Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, the Chairman (FAC), Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings, Government of A.P has forwarded the Report and Records in TEC.No.164/2013. In the Tribunal Enquiry report in Case.No.164 of 2013 against the Charged Officer, Sri N.Venkateswarlu, formerly Tahsildar, Banabanapalle Mandal, Kurnool District, the Tribunal for Departmental Proceedings opined that having regard to the oral and documentary evidence adduced by the prosecution in this case, various categorical admissions made by prime witness, shadow witness, Investigating

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Officers apart from the documentary evidence, it can be said without any doubt and hesitation that the decisions relied on by the learned Government Counsel are of no help to prove the charge and it leads to the irresistible conclusion that the prosecution miserably failed to establish the sole charge levelled against the CO. In the result, TEC No.164 of 2013 is dismissed and the CO is not found guilty of misconduct within the meaning of Rule 3(1) and (2) of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 read with rule 2(b) of A.P.Civil Services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Rules, 1989 framed under the A.P. Civil Services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 as amended in 1993.

**6.** Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to accept the Inquiry Report of the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings in the above matter. Accordingly, inquiry report of the TDP is accepted and further action against Sri N.Venkateswarlu, formerly Tahsildar, Banaganapalle (M) Kurnool District, in the matter, is hereby dropped.

**7.** The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary further action accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**V.USHARANI,**
**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

**To**
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Sri N.Venkateswarlu, formerly Tahsildar, Banaganapalle (M) Kurnool District (through the District Collector, Kurnool)

**Copy to:**
The District Collector, Kurnool.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC, Secretariat.
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**SECTION OFFICER**